

JAMES VALLEY

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

September 26, 2003

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Federal Communications Commission
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Re CC Docket No 96-45

James Valley Cooperative Telephone Co serves 8 customers in the state of North Dakota. The North Dakota Public Service Commission has no jurisdiction over these customers. They are served from an exchange and switch in South Dakota. Therefore, pursuant to 47 CFR 54.314(b), we hereby submit the enclosed self certification of James Valley by the affidavit of board secretary Merle Hanson that James Valley is using the high cost support for its legal and intended purposes for these 8 customers in North Dakota.

You will receive a certification from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission regarding James Valley's use of USF funds in South Dakota. If you have any further questions regarding this matter please contact me.

Signed


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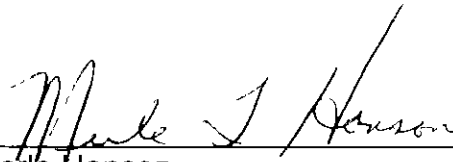
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
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COUNTY OF BROWN)

Merle Hanson, being first duly sworn, upon his oath certifies that:

- 1 He is Secretary of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company of Groton, South Dakota, which offers local exchange service in North Dakota to eight customers.

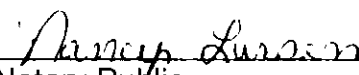
2. Upon information and belief, he certifies that all federal universal service high cost support received by James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company is used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dated this 29th day of September, 2003



Merle Hanson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of September, 2003



Notary Public
State of South Dakota
My Commission Expires 3-7-2005

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